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The Office of Naval Intelligence (DIO 1 ND Ser 15-54) furnished the following information to CIA for IAC dissemination per Par 3c of NSCID #17

1. Arrival and Cargo. Our ship called at Gdynia, Poland, from 13 to 16 August 1954. There we loaded 696 tons of hams and sausage consigned to New York and 168 tons of Christmas tree ornaments consigned to New Orleans for offloading at New York and further forwarding by rail. On arrival the ship was subjected to a two and one half-hour search. Another search of about three hours was conducted at departure. I think this second search was to try to discover any children who might have been smuggled aboard.

The military search at the pier was carried out by a group of 15 men. The whole search group in Gdynia consists of 30 men who are divided, when necessary, into two groups of 15 men each. So far as I know, the group has never been divided into more than two groups. This allows the handling of two ships at the same time. If there are more ships to be searched, they must wait at anchor until the search party is ready for them. The pilot, accompanied by two guards for security purposes, boards arriving vessels outside the harbor.

During our stay in port there was one pier guard at the bow, one amidships who collected crew passes as the men went ashore, and another one aft. Each one had a machine gun. At one time when there were four vessels tied up at the pier I observed a total of 27 guards.

2. Seaman's Club. The new Seaman's Club is now open. It is located about 15 minutes walk from the dock area and in a southwesterly direction. Although I walked by the place I did not go inside. So far as I know none of the crew actually visited the club. It is supposed to have a bar, orchestra, a dance floor and girls.
3. Other Vessels in Port. While we were in port I observed the Danish ship PATAGONIA. She was discharging a cargo of jute from the Far East. This came from either the Philippines or China; I think it was from the former. I also

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saw the Swedish merchant ship BRAZIL, owned by the Johnsson Line, or North Star Line. She was discharging a cargo of hides from Brazil or Argentina. Also in port was the Soviet (ex-US Liberty ship), JAN JONES which was discharging a cargo of grain loaded in Brazil.

4. The Shipyards. I saw no naval vessels under construction in the shipyards. Only tug boats and fishing craft were being built. The yards were doing some minor repair work to Polish merchant vessels.

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